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23 Numbered Claims Calculated as 23 Claims for Fee Purposes  
12 Sheets of Drawing Containing Figures 1 to 12. (Formal)  
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